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| In re application of: John F. Wirkus | |
| Serial No.: 10/723,195 | Group No.: 3748 |
| Filed: November 26, 2003 | Examiner: Tu Minh Nguyen |
| For: EXHAUST GAS RECIRCULATION AFTERBURNER | |

St. Louis, Missouri

Date: December 6, 2004

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Transmitted herewith is:

- ☒ An amendment in the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2004;

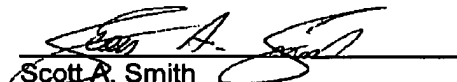
Small Entity Status:

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.

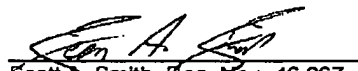
The fee has been calculated as shown:

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate – Other Than A Small Entity | Rate – Small Entity | Additional Fee |
| Total Claims | 35 - | 22 = | 13 | \$18.00 | \$9.00 | \$117.00 |
| Indep. Claims | 6 - | 3 = | 3 | \$88.00 | \$44.00 | 132.00 |
| Total Additional Fee: | | | | | | \$249.00 |

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 162201. *Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.*


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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450AMENDMENT A

The Office communication mailed September 8, 2004 has been received, and in response thereto, Applicant hereby amends the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Description begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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